**North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

April 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

**Riverdale Public Utility District Annex**

### Members Present:

- Buddy Mendes, Division 1
- Frank Zonneveld, Division 2
- Carol Hall, Division 3
- Mark McKean, Division 4
- Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5
- Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6
- Tony Campos, Division 7

### Members Absent:

- Lupe Alcoser, Laton CSD
- Jerry Gragnani
- Jeff Coelho
- Gerald Leoni
- Ron Allvin, Clark’s Fork
- Ben Nydam, Dellavalle Lab
- Jim Verboon, Farmer Landowner
- Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard
- Tom Krazan, Kings River Drilling
- Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District
- Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
- Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District

### Others Present:

- Ariel Namvar, Farmer
- Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel
- Terry Erlewine, Provost & Pritchard
- April Ganzon, Self-Help Enterprises
- Eva Dominguez, Self-Help Enterprises
- Bret Sill, Sill Properties
- Don H. Wright, Waterwrights.net
- Julianne Phillips, Kings County
- Chuck Dwiggins
- Scott Sills, Laguna ID
- Carol Hall, Laton CSD

### Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

**Presenter:** Chair McKean

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

### Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

**Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

### Item 3: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Director Maddox motioned, seconded by Director Acquistapace and it was unanimously carried to approve the February 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)
Item 4: DIRECTOR REPORTS
Presenter: Chair McKean
Discussion: None.
Actions: None.

Item 5: STAFF REPORTS
Presenter: Eric Osterling
Discussion:
Osterling reported that staff are receiving positive feedback for the Prop 218 election assessment. The North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NFK GSA) received a Proposition 1 SGWP grant award of $1.5 million on behalf of the Kings Subbasin to distribute among the seven Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) within the Kings Subbasin. The Board will consider execution of the grant agreement and sub agreements once the contracting process is complete, with hopes of receiving Board action at the June 2018 Board meeting.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) hosted a workshop at Clovis Veterans Memorial building April 24, 2018 to update the Public on guidance and tools prepared by DWR. Osterling discussed the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) approval process, first due to DWR January 2020 and announced that DWR is developing a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) data viewer to show comprehensive downloadable data including subsidence (utilizing remote sensing satellites), native vegetation, land use viewer and well construction reports.

Actions: None.

Item 6: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR GRANT SHARING AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Presenter: Chair McKean
Discussion:
Chair McKean introduced the Memorandum of Agreement and summarized the success of the dispute resolution process.

Actions:
Director Acquistapace motioned, seconded by Director Campos and it was unanimously carried to approve the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement for Grant Sharing and Dispute Resolution.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)

Item 7: REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR RCAC APPOINTMENT
Presenter: Chair McKean
Discussion:
The Board discussed the criteria for the Rural Community Advisory Committee (RCAC) and discussed the makeup of the Committee for equal representation.

Actions:
Director Zonneveld motioned, seconded by Director Acquistapace and it was unanimously carried to approve applications received from Dan Conway, Andrew Zonneveld, Tommy Fritz, Angel Hernandez, Amanda Monaco, Vicente Hernandez, Isabel Solorio and Jim Petty and appoint those individuals to the RCAC.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)
Item 8: FINANCIAL REPORT

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:
Staff Brian Trevarrow summarized the financials, as presented in the agenda packet. Trevarrow informed the Board to anticipate the fourth quarter billing to be issued around May 15, 2018.

Actions:
Director Acquistapace motioned, seconded by Director Maddox and it was unanimously carried to approve the financials.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)

Item 9: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Presenter: Cristel Tufenkjian
Rebecca Quist

Discussion:
Staff Cristel Tufenkjian introduced Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) employee Rebecca Quist and summarized outreach activity for the Prop 218 election. Tufenkjian thanked Self-Help Enterprises and the Leadership Council for outreach support and translation services. The North Fork Kings GSA website received substantial traffic on the Prop 218 election webpage.

Quist reported to the Board results from workshop surveys intended to gauge the workshop’s clarity and effectiveness. The results indicate that the attendees understood the State’s costs to be higher than the GSA’s costs, but there was some uncertainty as to whether passing Prop 218 was beneficial in order to be within compliance.

Amanda Monaco, Leadership Council, reported on a ballot language issue.

Actions: None.

Item 10: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:
The Board upstream diversions and recharge potential.

The Board and staff also discussed how adjudication is not a viable option for GSAs that did not enter the adjudication process prior to the passing of SGMA. To enter into adjudication now would be a far more expensive option and would not avoid any requirements of SGMA.

Actions: None.

Item 11: NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:
Public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 2018 at the Riverdale Veterans Memorial Hall.

Actions: None.
STUDY SESSION

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER
Presenters: Chair McKean
The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Item 2: STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELATED TO GSP DEVELOPMENT
Presenters: Kevin Johansen
Discussion:
Technical Consultant Kevin Johansen reported on Kings Subbasin coordinated activities and progress on the water budget, monitoring network and the SGMA criteria to be addressed in the GSP. Staff are coordinating with the seven GSAs within the Kings Subbasin to have draft GSPs completed by January 2019, with a final filing date of January 30, 2020 to DWR. Johansen reported on the Kings Subbasin coordination group’s findings regarding groundwater overdraft in the subbasin. Johansen summarized progress on developing a Basin-wide data management system, water budget, minimal thresholds, defining what is unsustainable for the GSA, defining operational flexibility to achieve sustainability, establishing management areas, identifying data gaps, discussing monitored well construction, and consequences.

Johansen recommended working on a phased mitigation, achieving some benefits in first five years and it increases as we go. This allows the GSA to build projects, capture flood water (only available every 3-4 years), the sooner we get started on projects, the better. He then highlighted Prop 218 progress, adding that should the election prove successful, staff will prepare an assessment roll for Fresno and Kings Counties for inclusion in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

The Board discussed legislation, the rationale behind establishing management areas, and anticipated technical and logistical issues with using existing production wells for monitoring. Staff agreed to upload the Study Session presentation to the North Fork Kings GSA website for public distribution. The Board announced that they will begin soliciting volunteers to serve on the Technical Advisory Community. Interested individuals are to contact Eric Osterling for more information.

Actions: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary
________________________________  approved on June 27, 2018
Mark McKean, Board Chair